

**AGENDA:** October 22, 2002

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**CATEGORY:** Public Hearing

**DEPT.:** Police

**TITLE:** Expenditure of State Funds Designated for  
Law Enforcement—Fiscal Year 2002-03

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the allocation of \$142,220 of State funds designated for law enforcement to the Police Department from the Fiscal Year 2002-03 State budget.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The amount allocated to the Mountain View Police Department is estimated to be approximately \$142,220. There is no requirement for matching funds.

### **BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

In 1996, Assembly Bill 3229 added \$100 million to the State budget for distribution to local law enforcement agencies for "frontline law enforcement service." The funding has been renewed each year since 1996 and \$93 million has been allocated in the current budget. This funding primarily benefits smaller agencies, with every law enforcement agency in California now allocated at least \$100,000. The moneys received by the City of Mountain View have remained constant. There is no requirement to contribute matching funds. Government Code Section 30061 requires that a public hearing be held to consider use of the funds before the moneys are distributed.

In 1996, Police Department staffing was identified as one of the City's highest priorities. The first AB 3229 funds were used to accelerate the addition of two Police Officer positions that would otherwise have been phased into the authorized strength of the Police Department in a later budget year. In that first cycle, the available funds fully supported these positions. In each subsequent year, following the required public hearing, Council has approved the use of State moneys to continue funding the two Police Officer positions, although as police officer costs have risen, available funds no longer completely fund both positions.

These two positions have provided the Police Department with some of the staffing needed to effectively implement community-oriented policing. It is recommended that the moneys received from the State budget for local law enforcement be used to continue funding these two positions through the current fiscal year.

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**ALTERNATIVE**

Upon consideration of public input, Council could direct that the State funding be put to other frontline law enforcement uses.

**PUBLIC NOTICING**—Agenda posting.

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Attachment: 1. Santa Clara County List of Fund Distribution